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JOINT AND CO-SPONSORED UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME
(HIV/AIDS)

Letter dated 30 January 1996 from the Executive Director of
the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on
Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency
Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) to the President of the Economic
and Social Council

Last Friday the World Health Organization Office at the United Nations in New York transmitted to me the agenda adopted by the Economic and Social Council for its organizational session of 25 January and 6-9 February 1996. Thus I learnt that the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) was to be discussed under agenda item 4. While Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/2, adopted in July 1995, does refer, in paragraph 5, to a report on the status of implementation of the Programme to be submitted to the Council early in 1996, I must admit I was under the impression that the discussion would take place at the Council's substantive session of 1996, which, in my view, would be more appropriate, given the nature of the subject.

I have the honour to request, therefore, that the debate on the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS should be postponed until the Council's substantive session. This would give us time to prepare a detailed written report on new developments within the Programme and to submit it to the Programme Coordination Board at its third meeting, to be held on 10 and 11 June 1996 at Geneva. In fact, Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/2 specified that such a report should be submitted to the Council through the Board. This would also enable me to participate in the discussion personally.



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If you should be unable to postpone the discussion, it will not be possible for me to take part next week because of a planned visit to Africa.

(Signed) Peter PIOT
Executive Director
